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Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT Docket Number 02-55: 800 MHz Interference

Dear Secretary Dortch,

As you know, the work performed by police, fire and EMS officials is a critical part of American society, securing the safety of communities nationwide and protecting its citizens. As these first responders race to accident scenes, respond to blazes, and fight crime, communications are of paramount importance to ensure destruction and devastation is minimized, if not eliminated. In spite of this basic fact, public safety departments throughout the USA have been struggling with radio interference, impairing their operations and putting lives in grave danger.

In the age of technology, first responders should not have to fight with their mobile radio systems in order to do their jobs safely and effectively. The solution is to proactively eliminate interference by remedying the cause of the problem and the plan that will take us there is the Consensus Plan.

The Consensus Plan will realign the 800 MHz spectrum to separate commercial wireless from public safety without imposing any cost to public safety departments, government, or the American taxpayer. The Consensus Plan is fully and privately funded, which is an imperative aspect of any solution to eliminate interference.

The Consensus Plan has the support from nearly a thousand public safety departments, agencies and officers. The voice of America's public safety community must be heard and first responders' needs must be met. We cannot continue to deliberate on how to solve this problem while the comprehensive

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solution is available and public safety has voiced its support. The Consensus Plan is the answer we all need.

I have been a police officer for twenty-eight years, and for the past seven I have served the Scituate, Rhode Island, community as Police Chief. During my career, I have come to realize that our department motto is accurate: *"Getting involved makes the difference."* Activism changes history and improves society. Continuing to follow this goal, the Scituate Police Department proudly joins the departments, agencies and officers who have filed with the Commission in support of the Consensus Plan. I hope that you will join us, take action, and support the Consensus Plan to eliminate interference once and for all.

Sincerely,

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